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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/653,730
Entitled: *Quorum Sensing Signaling in Bacteria*
Filed: September 1, 2000
Inventors: Marvin Whiteley, *et al.*
Our Reference: UIZ-038

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (in duplicate);
2. Two executed Declarations, Petitions and Powers of Attorney;
3. A copy of the Formalities Letter;
4. Check in the amount of \$2,868.00 (surcharge, filing fee, additional claim fee, and multiple dependent claim fee);
5. Check in the amount of \$110.00 (extension fee);
6. Request for One-Month Extension of Time (in duplicate); and
7. Return receipt postcard.

No additional costs are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with the enclosed response to our Deposit Order Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. For this purpose, a duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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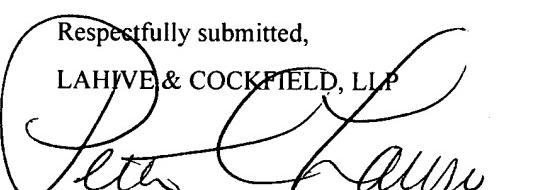
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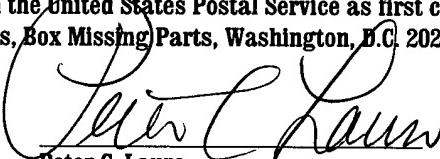
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
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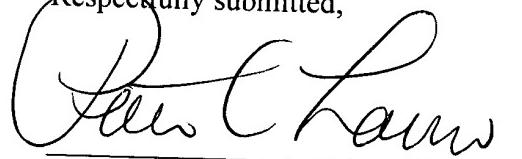
Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated October 18, 2000, Applicants submit herewith 2 executed Declarations, Petitions and Powers of Attorney for the above-identified patent application. A check in the amount of \$2,868.00 is enclosed to cover the total amount owed by Applicants, including \$130.00 surcharge, \$710.00 basic filing fee, \$1,758.00 additional claim fee, \$270.00 multiple dependent claim fee, based on large entity status. A copy of the Formalities Letter is also enclosed. A Request for a One-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants' attorney notes that the claim fee calculation in the Formalities Letter is incorrect. We calculate **71** total claims over 20, and **6** independent claims over 3.

Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.

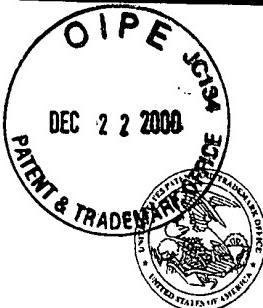
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 345 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
 - Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$868.
 - \$504 for 56 total claims over 20.
 - \$234 for 6 independent claims over 3 .
 - \$130 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.
 - The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
 - To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1278.**

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